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To: Director

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West Yellowstone	52	10/29	- 3	11/9
Old Faithful	49	11/1	-11	11/9
Northeast Entrance	47	11/2	-11	11/9

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Vehicles entering the Park via the North Entrance totaled 1,140 during November, compared to 1,060 last year during the same period. Very few vehicles were seen or recorded at Lamar and the Northeast Entrance.

There were 89 vehicles recorded at the East Entrance while none were recorded last year at this time. In November, South Entrance recorded 161 vehicles while none were recorded in November 1965.

There were 245 vehicles entered the Park through the West Entrance at this time last year, and 237 entered in November of this year.

Yellowstone was closed to travel to the general public on November 6. Some contractors are still traveling through the West Entrance. A contractor's crew was still at Grant Village at the end of the month repairing the floating breakwater at the marina.

Snowmobiles. There were eight registries at Cave Falls. All of these came in via small snowmobiles. These indicate possibly increased use in the Bechler area this coming winter.

Special Activities. On November 15, a meeting was held for all Ranger Division personnel to discuss the past season's operation, problems, and recommendations. Superintendent McLaughlin discussed the Park Master Plan. The United States Commissioner, James W. Brown, was also present.

Forester W. Lowell White attended the Intermountain Forest Fire Research Council meeting in Salt Lake City, Utah, on November 3 and 4. A report on the meeting was made separately.

Several meetings were held during the month with Park County, Montana, County Commissioners and representatives of the Town of Gardiner Water and Sewer District on plans the District is considering for reconstruction of its water and sewer systems. The growth of the town has made it imperative that these improvements be undertaken. The State Health Authorities have put the town on notice that pollution of the Yellowstone River from sources in the town must be corrected. Plans for both the developments will bring direct and indirect benefits to the Park, and we are working closely with the local people to promote this direly needed improvement and to forestall any undesirably encroachment on Park lands.

The Superintendent attended the 41st Annual Convention of the Dude Ranchers Association in Billings, Montana, on the 17th through 19th. He talked to the convention on two occasions regarding matters involving

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Yellowstone. The Dude Ranchers, while interested in National Parks' activities, showed no particular concern or questioning attitude about National Park programs. Much concern and some criticism was directed at certain aspects of Forest Service administration of its Wilderness Areas. Generally, the Dude Ranchers are for more and "wilder" wilderness.

The Superintendent was in the Director's office in Washington, D. C., November 7 through 10, where Park matters were discussed with the Director and members of his staff. At the request of Assistant Solicitor Myer, the proposed general regulations were reviewed with Mr. Myer and several members of his staff. On November 10, at an Honors Convocation in the Interior Auditorium, Secretary Udall presented the Distinguished Service Award to about thirty Interior Department employees. The Superintendent was among those honored with the Award.

The Lake Mess was closed on November 4.

On November 15 and 16 a remote radio was installed in the Storehouse. This will improve communications with the Beartooth Mess Hall and will facilitate the ordering and supplying of commissary items for Beartooth and other remote areas.

The Superintendent's staff meetings were held November 3 and 17.

Administration

Personnel

Reassignment

Elroy W. Bohlin will be reassigned to the position of Management Assistant, Big Hole National Battlefield, effective December 4.

Aubrey L. Haines will be reassigned to GS-11 Park Naturalist position, effective December 4.

Promotion

Mary E. Wells, promotion to Secretary (Stenography) GS-6, in the Superintendent's Office, from Secretary (Stenography) to the Chief of Maintenance, effective November 20 vice Mrs. Anne B. Goff.

Transferred

In Ward L. Excell was promoted from the position of Foreman II-Roads and Trails, Bryce Canyon to Foreman III-Maintenance, effective November 6.

Mary E. Rector, Clerk-Typist, GS-3, Dinosaur National Monument, was promoted to Clerk (Typing) in the Maintenance Division, as of November 20.

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Retirement

Park Naturalist George D. Marler retired effective November 30.

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STATISTICS

Births. A daughter was born to Ranger and Mrs. Perron Thompson, November 20, at the Coe Memorial Hospital in Cody, Wyoming. Ranger Thompson is stationed at the East Entrance for the winter.

INTERPRETATION, CONSERVATION AND USE

Interpretive Services and Planning. West District Naturalist Stanley G. Canter prepared a proposed text for the mini-folder which will be distributed to Park visitors next season. He continued work on the text for the new Upper Geyser Basin Trail Guide.

Attendance at the Mammoth Museum during the month totaled 280 visitors.

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All accessioning for the museum is up to date. The quarterly Report and Yearly Inventory of Accountable Museum Specimens for the year ending 12/31/66 was typed and forwarded to Midwest Region.

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Safety and Health. One on-the-job accident was reported by the Maintenance Division. This was not a lost time accident.

Hazardous Trees. Hazardous tree removal was started at Lamar and Pebble Creek campground.

Law Enforcement. Four law enforcement incidents were reported and investigated for the month. One of these was an apparent reported burglary involving four different buildings in the Lake-Fishing Bridge area. Upon investigation and later developing circumstances on the same day as the incident was reported, the responsible individual was identified, questioned, and subsequently determined to be mentally deranged. He was committed to the Veterans Hospital at Sheridan, Wyoming.

The official and final closing of eight separate cases that occurred in August on car burglaries made possible the return to the rightful owners of various personal items being held as evidence. The responsible culprit, who was found guilty and put of probation in September, was recently reported to have violated his probation by being involved in another burglary.

On November 6 the Old Faithful road was closed. The Old Faithful area, prior to the closure, was covered in the evenings and early morning hours by patrols.

There has been some problem with hunters on small snowmobiles entering along the west and southwest boundaries of the Park. On November 26, a Ski-doo was taken to Bechler for patrol purposes.

Buildings and Utilities. All Park water facilities were secured for the winter except for Lake Ranger Station, which was still occupied.

The water system at Stevens Creek was improved and a fence constructed around the spring and intake area to keep this system restricted to a nimals.

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Metering of power at the West Entrance and North Entrance quarters were completed.

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A new projection booth was placed at Grant Village Amphitheater.

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A final inspection was performed on the new radio system on November 7. Everything was in good working order with a few minor exceptions. Adjustments to the system will be made to correct these deficiencies.

Radio Technician Scott McLean installed new mobile radios in snow equipment, trucks, and vehicles.

Roads and Trails. During the early part of the month, heavy snow and winter weather slowed down all operations and crews were cut down for winter operations. Some snow plowing was done out in the Park to complete projects that were underway.

Forest Fire Protection. The annual fire report summary was completed for submission to Region and for inclusion in the Park's fire atlas.

The following steps were taken toward the annual updating of individual fire qualification and rating cards:

1. Designation of a Yellowstone National Park Forest Fire Qualification and Rating Group

2. Forest fire experience questionnaires sent out to all Rangers

Building Fire Protection. Fire brigade training sessions were held on November 8 and 22. Activities included hose lays and tours of Mammoth concession establishments.

Standard specifications were submitted to DCSSC for fire plugs to be installed in the Park.

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Radio Technician Scott Nelson installed new mobile radios in two equipment, trucks, and vehicles.

Roads and Trails. During the early part of the month, heavy snow and winter weather slowed down all operations and crews were cut down for winter operations. Some snow plowing was done out in the Park. No complete projects that were undertaken.

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The following steps were taken toward the annual updating of [illegible] fire qualifications and rating needs:

1. Designation of a Yellowstone National Park Forest Fire Qualification and Rating Group

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Building Fire Protection. Fire brigade training sessions were held on November 3 and 24. Activities included hose lays and [illegible] concession establishments.

Standard specifications were submitted to [illegible] for fire plugs to be installed in the Park.

Insect and Tree Diseases. The Mountain Pine Beetle survey at Bechler was completed on November 9. 5,850 acres were surveyed and although the beetle is prevalent in this area, it is below epidemic proportions. Detailed findings were submitted in a separate report.

On November 7 and 8, Nick Reeves and Mac Berg met with Arland Valcarce (Targhee National Forest) and Mark McGregor (Region IV, Ogden) to gather some Pine Beetle brood density samples. These were taken near Fall River and the Bechler Ranger Station.

Blister rust control activities consisted of a final check of the winterization of the Canyon work area on November 21 and the compilation of various reports including the annual inventory.

On November 29 and 30, Nick Reeves and Mac Berg conducted an informal blister rust scouting trip into the Gallatin National Forest adjacent to the north boundary of Yellowstone. Rust (Cronartium Ribicola) was found on white pine in the Eagle Creek drainage and the Bear Creek drainage north of Gardiner, Montana, for the first time. Considerable rust was also located in the vicinity of Tom Miner Basin and Sunlight Creek.

Concessions

Yellowstone Park Company. The lodging facility rates and the opening and closing dates for 1967 for the Yellowstone Park Company have been approved and sent to the Washington and Regional offices.

Rates were approved for the Yellowstone Park Company's new classifications of its lodging accommodations as follows:

Overnight Shelter
Economy Cabin
Family Cabin
Regular Cabin
Standard Cabin
Motor Inn and Hotel

The Company does not have facilities equal to the Service's definition of a "First Class" accommodation. Therefore, no rate was set for this category.

The Company has put out invitations for bid for major 1967 food needs. The use of "convenience" foods will be increased in 1967 to reduce labor costs.

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Locations, rates and operating requirements have been approved for the Company's snowmobile operations this winter. Concessions Analyst John H. Clay met with Assistant Superintendent Martinek and Chief Park Ranger Estey and Messrs. John Dietz and Ronald Beaumont of Yellowstone Park Company on November 28 to clarify snowmobile routes.

The Mammoth inspection for structural deficiencies of the Company's cabins was completed by November 9. This was the final area in the Park to be inspected. Inspections will be made in May 1967 to check that needed repair work has been done.

The removal of the old Yellowstone Park Company boat dock in front of the Lake Hotel is about 85 percent complete. This project will have to continue next spring.

The largest portion of the floating dock at Fishing Bridge was removed.

The Yellowstone Park Company has purchased 12 small oversnow machines which it plans to rent to visitors. The trips, which will operate from Tower to Washburn and Golden Gate to Norris, will be guided.

The Old Faithful area now has its full complement of two winter-keepers, both of whom are bachelors.

Medical Service. A meeting was held November 22 with Dr. Moffit of the Livingston Clinic and his attorney, Mr. John W. McDonald, Jr. of Livingston, Montana, in the Superintendent's office. The Superintendent and the Concessions Analyst prepared an amended contract draft to cover changes resulting from the meeting and forwarded this contract draft to Dr. Moffitt. The medical group will send a formal statement on proposed medical services and fees as soon as possible.

Hamilton Stores, Inc. A followup study of the Hamilton Store merchandise at Mammoth was made on November 23. Some undesirable merchandise from our viewpoint was still being offered for sale.

Civil Defense. Members of the Emergency Operations Committee, Harold Estey, Frank Elliott, Cecil Hanner, Richard Miller, Kent Wintch, and Ted Scott, attended Civil Defense meetings on November 9 and 28.

Snow Surveys. Representatives of the Soil Conservation Service were in the Park on November 30 providing limited training to personnel not having snow survey experience.

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West Yellowstone Sub-District Rangers continued to read the Madison River gauge for the U. S. Geological Survey and the soil moisture and snow moisture gauges for the Soil Conservation Service.

Wildlife and Fish Cultural Activities. A wildlife trend count was made along the standard route between Mammoth and Reese Creek:

Date	Elk	Deer	Pronghorn	Bighorn Sheep
11/3	None	6	3	37

Wildlife habitat maps and acreage estimates for the Park were revised for the Missouri River Basin Comprehensive Framework Study being conducted by the Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife.

Bison. The largest group of bison counted was 29 in the Lamar Area.

Antelope and Deer. General observations indicate an increased number of deer and pronghorn in the Mammoth-Reese Creek area. Deer are common between Mammoth and Tower Junction, and Little Cottonwood Creek-Hellroaring Slopes-Lamar River gauging station area.

Elk. The elk trapping manual was revised to bring it up to date and to include new procedures for handling and neckbanding elk.

Elk Management and Distribution. Snow in early November resulted in elk movement to the upper and intermediate winter range. Heaviest concentrations were in the Junction Butte-Crystal Creek and Lamar River-Soda Butte Creek areas. Several hundred are regularly seen in early morning. On the 10th, Assistant Chief Ranger Kenneth R. Ashley counted 580 between Mammoth and Pebble Creek, mostly beyond Tower Junction.

Biologists Jake Metherell and Bill Barmore made an overnight horseback trip on November 21-22 along the north side of the Yellowstone River between Little Cottonwood Creek and the mouth of the Lamar River. About 150-200 elk were observed between Hellroaring Slopes and the mouth of the Lamar River. Migration trails were heavily used and other evidence of elk activity was abundent. Range utilization was light.

Throughout the winter range, moderately to heavily crusted snow would restrict elk feeding on northfacing slopes in swales that ordinarily receive heaviest use this time of year. Snow conditions may result

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in earlier and heavier than average use of lower [illegible] ridge-tops and [illegible] slopes since most of these areas are free of snow. The present crust was influence use of [illegible] range throughout the winter.

Modifications on the Slough Creek trap and [illegible] of the [illegible] road were completed by the end of the month. Both the Slough Creek and Crystal Creek traps are ready for trapping operations.

PUBLIC AFFAIRS

Publicity. On each Thursday, the Yellowstone [illegible] to keep employees, commissioners, and others currently [illegible] Park happenings.

Three press releases issued: Facilities [illegible] in the Park; [illegible] to Air Pollution Sampling Station Here; Park Loads [illegible].

Religious and Chapel Use. [illegible] were [illegible] the month.

Public Relations. [illegible] presented a [illegible] Mammoth Kindergarten children on what to do in case of a [illegible] how to report a fire.

Biologist Matherall presented illustrated talks on wildlife management in the National Park Service at the Albright Training Center on November 13.

Chief Park naturalist John M. Gross was guest speaker at the [illegible] P.T.S. meeting, November 21. Approximately [illegible] were in attendance.

Rangers met with Cooke City Ski-doo rental operators to discuss the use of overnow vehicles in the Park. The operators were [illegible] that the use of these vehicles in the Park is confined to [illegible] roads.

Only eleven overnow machines are presently planned for [illegible], which is considerably less than they previously indicated. The [illegible] use will be largely confined to conducted trips in the [illegible] area outside the Park.

Public affairs. As a result of the West Yellowstone election on November 8, Mrs. Billie Smith was elected mayor. Aldermen for the East ward are Calvin Fuller and Francis Wilcox. [illegible] and Ernest Wilcox were elected for the West ward.

Contracts

Aiman Construction Company Idaho Falls, Idaho #14-10-2-101-34	$ 67,352.00	3 comfort stations in the Canyon area

Stop Orders were issued to all contractors except Wade's, Inc., who are still working on the five new residences at Mammoth.

Ditemen Construction Company is finishing the repair and modification to the Floating Breakwater at Grant Village.

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Contracts

Alpine Construction Company) $7,723.00) concrete structures
Idaho Falls, Idaho in the Grand Tetons
Jul-Aug-Sep-Oct-34

Stop Orders were issued to all contractors except Gabel's, Inc., who are still working on the fire ram installation at Teton.

Stewart-Construction Company is building the road, and mobilization to the Flooding Reservoir at Grand Village.

BIG HOLE NATIONAL BATTLEFIELD

General

Weather Conditions. Cloudy or partly cloudy weather with intermittent light snow and rain showers was the general weather for November. There was less than two inches of snow remaining on the ground at the end of the month. A minimum temperature of +6 degrees was recorded on November 21.

Travel. The Battlefield was closed for the winter on November 4.

Interpretive

With the road construction making travel to the Siege Area difficult, all signs indicating the Battlefield were taken up. It was essentially closed for the winter on November 4.

Operation

Maintenance. Dismanteling of the old Ruby Ditch trestle was continued with the project about 30% completed.

Design and Construction

New Construction. Road construction to the Siege Area by the Garrick Construction Company continued with the Ruby Bench irrigation ditch cement culvert completed. The parking area near the river was almost to grade. Construction work on this road was closed for the winter on November 30.

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BIG HOLE NATIONAL BATTLEFIELD

General

Weather Conditions. Cloudy or partly cloudy weather with intermittent light snow and wide showers was the general weather for November. There was less than two inches of snow remaining on the ground at the end of the month. A minimum temperature of 40 degrees was recorded on November 21.

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Plans, Maps and Surveys

The following drawing was reviewed and recommended by the Superintendent:

Concessioner Working Drawing NP-YEL-8071 - Modifications to Piping Systems, West Wing, Old Faithful Inn. Recommended by Superintendent 11/29/66.

Bid Openings

Bids were opened November 2, 1966, for "Comfort Stations (3), Canyon Area". Of the nine bids received, that of Aiman Const. Co., of Idaho Falls, Idaho, was low at $67,352.00. Range to $89,208.00

Stop Orders issued to:

Paul Lee, effective COB November 4
R. J. Studer & Sons, effective COB November 4
Penta-Vac Post & Pole, effective COB November 8
Hunter-Saucerman Construction, effective COB November 9
Davey Tree Expert Co., effective COB November 10
Clark's Ready-Mix Concrete, effective COB-November 18

Meeting attended by the Management Assistant (Programs): Staff, November 17.

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Stop Order issued to:

Garrick Construction Co., effective November 30

Unseasonably mild weather permitted construction work by Garrick Construction Company to proceed longer than had been anticipated.

John S. McLaughlin

In triplicate

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Yellowstone National Park, Wyoming

DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD

Superintendent John S. McLaughlin, Yellowstone National Park, Wyoming, was presented the Department's highest honor, the Distinguished Service Award, by Secretary of the Interior, Stewart L. Udall, in Washington, D. C., November 10, 1966, at a Convocation held in the Department of the Interior's auditorium.

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Mammoth Motor Inn, operated by the Yellowstone Park Company will be open this winter. This is the first year the Company has operated a year-round facility in the Park.

Beautiful 60-foot Englemann Spruce in front of the Administration Building. The lights were turned on this year on December 12.

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